

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC) Ongole, Prakasam District – Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charges – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 349

Dated:11-2-2013.

Read the following:-

- 1) From the C&DA., Hyd Lrs.No.Vig.II(1)400/2012, dated 9-1-2013 & 4-2-2013.**
- 2) Memo.No.6345/Vig.I-1/2012-7 A&C(Vig.I) Dept., dated 1-12-2012.**
- 3) Memo.No.6345/Vig.I-1/2012-9, A&C(Vig.I) Dept., dated 11-2-2013.**

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ORDER :-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC) Ongole, Prakasam District in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charges (Annexure-I). A list of witnesses by whom, and a list of documents by which the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure-II and III).
3. Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC) Ongole, Prakasam District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this G.O. a written statement of his defence and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.
4. Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC) Ongole, Prakasam District is further informed that an Inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.
5. Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC) Ongole, Prakasam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.
6. Attention of Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC) Ongole, Prakasam District is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC) Ongole, Prakasam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.
7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**ANIL CHANDRA PUNETHA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC) Ongole, Prakasam District
(through the C&DA, Hyderabad.)

Copy to:

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad with a request to serve the order on the charged officer and return the served copy with dated ack.,
SC/Sf.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

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ANNEXURE-I

Statement of article of charge framed against Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC) Ongole, Prakasam District.

Article of Charge I :- “ That the said Sri G.Ratnakumar, while working as Dy. Director of Agriculture (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam district has failed to seize the stocks of M/s. Sri Shanmukha Agro Traders, Konanki, Martur mandal immediately after inspection of the premises and godowns of the above traders on 5.10.2011 itself as per Section 6 A of the E.C Act of 1955 and sent a report in this regard to the C&DA on 10.10.2011 for further action giving scope for suspicion that he was hand in glove with the trader, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964”.

Basis of Charge: Sri Ch.Madhava Rao, Konanki village, Martur mandal, Prakasam district, has alleged among other things that M/s.Shanumkha Agro Traders of Konanki village was having valid pesticide license and has stored pesticides of the value of 20.00 lakhs in a godown with valid license. The Vigilance team which raided the premises have seized the stock after (5) days of the inspection and submitted a false report to higher authorities and got the license cancelled and requested to initiate necessary action against the officials. The Addl.D.A-IV o/o. C&DA., was entrusted with the enquiry in to the contents of the petition submitted by Sri Ch.Madhava Rao of Konanki village. She conducted enquiry and submitted her report observing that the team inspected the premises and godown of M/s.Shanumkha Agro Traders, Konanki, Martur mandal, Prakasam district on 5.10.2011 and without out seizing the premises and godowns on 5.10.2011 itself, as per section 6 (A) of E.C act of 1955, a report was sent to C&DA's office on 11.10.2011 for further action, evidently raising doubts on the Team that they were hand in glove with the traders who are dealing with clandestine business.

The preliminary enquiry officer in her report has recommended for taking suitable disciplinary action against Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam district and other for their dereliction of duties in not seizing the stock of M/s.Sri Shanumkha Agro Traders, Konanki, Martur mandal, immediately on 5.10.2011, when they have raided the premises of godowns and submitted the report to the office of C&DA very leisurely.

The above narration tends to show that, Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam district has failed to attend his legitimate duties, which attracts the violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the charge.

Article of Charge II:- “ That the said Sri G.Ratnakumar, while working as Dy. Director of Agriculture (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam district has failed to maintain cordial relations with his staff. Therefore, some of the staff members are deliberately against him, with the outside anti social elements and hand in glove in the petitions filed against him. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Basis of Charge: The Addl.D.A-IV o/o. C&DA., who was entrusted with the enquiry in to the contents of the petition submitted by Sri Ch.Madhava Rao of Konanki village in her preliminary report findings has stated that Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam district is not maintaining cordial relations with his subordinate staff. Therefore some of the staff members are deliberately working against him with the outside anti-social elements and hand in glove, those petitions filed against him. Such activities are to be curbed at the budding stage with iron hand for maintaining official etiquette in the office.

The above narration tends to show that, Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam district has failed to attend his legitimate duties, which attracts the violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the charge.

Article of Charge III:- “ That the said Sri G.Ratnakumar, while working as Dy. Director of Agriculture (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam district has not given log book of the jeep to the jeep driver and kept with him against the rules and maintained the log book of the jeep without knowledge of the jeep driver. Thus he violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Basis of Charge: The Addl.D.A-IV o/o. C&DA., who was entrusted with the enquiry in to the contents of the petition submitted by Sri Ch.Madhava Rao of Konanki village in her preliminary report findings has stated that Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam

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district. On verification of the log book of the jeep of DDA (FTC) Ongole it is found that the log book was written by Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC), Ongole himself. Therefore, the I.O., enquired with the jeep driver about writing of log book. The jeep driver, Sri G.Mahaboob Subhani, gave a statement that he joined in the office of the DDA (FTC), Ongole in June, 2011 on transfer from ADA (STL), Markapuram and working as driver on jeep No. AP-27-9195. He categorically stated in his statement, that from the date of joining in the office of the DDA (FTC), Ongole as jeep driver, till date log book is with the DDA(FTC) only. He stated that he has requested to give log book but DDA (FTC) informed him that it is not related to you to maintain and the DDA (FTC) used to write the log book and get it pumped the fuel, whenever goes on camp, by standing at the petrol bunk.

The above narration tends to show that, Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam district has failed to attend his legitimate duties, which attracts the violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the charge.

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Annexure-II

List of documents by which article of charge against for further action Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam district are proposed to be sustained.

- 1) Petition dt. 21-5-2012 of Sri Chadarajupalli Madhava Rao, Konanki Village, Martur Mandal, Prakasam District.
- 2) Preliminary enquiry report of Addl.D.A-IV of Office of the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, A.P, Hyderabad.

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Annexure – III

List of witnesses by whom the Article of charge framed against Sri G.Ratnakumar, DDA (FTC), Ongole, Prakasam district are proposed to be sustained.

1. **Sri G.Mahaboob Subhani, Jeep Driver o/o the DDA(FTC) Ongole, Prakasam district.**

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